

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

6. (Withdrawn) A method of preparing an antibacterial member, wherein a solution in which a propolis component is extracted is formed by dissolving a water-insoluble propolis material in alcohol, acetone or ether, a water-insoluble base member is immersed in said formed propolis-extracted solution, and said immersed base member is taken out from the propolis-extracted solution to be dried.

7. (Withdrawn) A method of preparing an antibacterial member according to claim 6, said water-insoluble propolis material is applied with a pressure after taken out from the propolis-extracted solution.

8. (Withdrawn) A method of preparing an antibacterial member according to claim 6, wherein said base member is ceramics or an ore.

9. (Currently Amended) An antibacterial filter for filtrating water, comprising: a water introduction unit adapted for introducing water therein; a water purifier unit adapted for purifying the water introduced through said water introduction unit; and a water discharge unit adapted for discharging the water purified by said water purifier unit,

~~wherein in said water purifier unit, a cylindrical cartridge of a shape of a doughnut in cross section is arranged inside of a container of a cylindrical shape, and a center pipe is arranged along the center axis of said water purifier unit so as to communicate with an opening formed in an inner wall surface at a lower portion of said cartridge, plural kinds of filter members are formed in layers in a water flow direction inside of said cartridge, and any one or more of said plural layers is mixed with an antibacterial member constituted such that a propolis component is contained in, or adhered to, a water insoluble base member.~~

wherein said water purifier unit comprises:

a container of a cylindrical shape;

a tubular cartridge of a doughnut-shape in cross section, which is disposed inside of the container to have a center axis thereof;

a center pipe disposed along the center axis of said tubular cartridge to be communicated with an opening formed in an inner wall surface at a lower portion of the cartridge;

a magnet having central magnetic force of a predetermined intensity and disposed at a longitudinally intermediate portion of the center pipe;

a plural kinds of filter members formed in multi-layers in a water flow direction inside of said cartridge; and

propolis ceramics constituted such that a propolis component is contained in, or adhered to, ceramic particles provided as a water-insoluble base member, said propolis ceramics being mixed with any one or plural layers of multi-layers of filter members.

Claims 10-12 (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) An antibacterial filter for filtrating water, comprising: a water introduction unit adapted for introducing water therein; a water purifier unit adapted for purifying the water introduced through said water introduction unit; and a water discharge unit adapted for discharging the water purified by said water purifier unit,

~~wherein in said water purifier unit, a cylindrical cartridge of a shape of a doughnut in cross section is arranged inside of a container of a cylindrical shape, and a center pipe is arranged along the center axis of said water purifier unit so as to communicate with an opening formed in an inner wall surface at a lower portion of said cartridge, and a member constituting a flow passage of from said water introduction unit to said water purifying unit is formed of an antibacterial member constituted such that a propolis component is contained in, or adhered to, a water-insoluble base member.~~

wherein said water purifier unit comprises:

a container of a cylindrical shape;

a tubular cartridge of a doughnut-shape in cross section, which is disposed inside of the container to have a center axis thereof;

a center pipe disposed along the center axis of said tubular cartridge to be communicated with an opening formed in an inner wall surface at a lower portion of the cartridge;

a magnet having central magnetic force of a predetermined intensity and disposed at a longitudinally intermediate portion of the center pipe; and

a member capable of constituting a flow passage extending from said
water introduction unit to said water purifying unit, said member being formed of
propolis ceramics constituted such that a propolis component is contained in, or
adhered to, ceramic particles provided as a water-insoluble base member.

Claims 14 - 20 (Canceled).